

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) An optically readable medi[a]um as in claim [3] 23, wherein said chemical compound is comprised of NMP.
5. (Currently Amended) An optically readable medi[a]um as in claim [3] 23, wherein said chemical compound is comprised of DMF.
6. (Currently Amended) An optically readable medi[a]um as in claim [3] 23, wherein said chemical compound is comprised of acetone.
7. (Currently Amended) An optically readable medi[a]um as in claim [3] 23, wherein said chemical compound is comprised of HCl.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [13] 24, wherein said chemical compound is comprised of NMP.
15. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [13] 24, wherein said chemical compound is comprised of DMF.
16. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [13] 24, wherein said chemical compound is comprised of acetone.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim [13] 24, wherein said chemical compound is comprised of HCl.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. A limited life optically readable medium comprising

information encoding features, said information encoding features are readable by an optical beam from an optically readable medium reading device;

a read inhibiting agent, said read inhibiting agent capable of undergoing a permanent and irreversible change to render unreadable said information encoding features by said optical beam;

wherein said read inhibiting agent is in communication with at least one of said information encoding features and said optical beam;

a package, said package enclosing completely said limited life optically readable medium;

a chemical compound enclosed in said package with said limited life optically readable medium, said chemical compound inhibits said read inhibiting agent from undergoing said permanent and irreversible change to render unreadable said information encoding features for a predetermined time; and

a getter material enclosed in said package with said limited life optically readable media and said chemical compound, said getter material quenches said chemical compound such that the read inhibiting agent undergoes said permanent and irreversible change while inside said package and after said predetermined time.

24. A method for activating a read inhibiting agent of a limited life optically readable medium while said limited life optically readable medium is inside a package and before information encoding features on said limited life optically readable medium are accessed, said method comprising

supplying a limited life optically readable medium with information encoding features and a read inhibiting agent in a package, said package encloses completely said limited life optically readable media and wherein said read inhibiting agent is capable of

undergoing a permanent and irreversible change to render unreadable said information encoding features;

supplying a chemical compound inside said package, said chemical compound inhibits the read inhibiting agent from undergoing said permanent and irreversible change for a predetermined time; and

supplying a getter material inside said package, said getter material absorbs sufficient amounts of said chemical compound such that said read inhibiting agent undergoes said permanent and irreversible change that renders unreadable said information encoding features after said predetermined time and while said limited life optically readable medium is in the package.

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